

Query.

Published by request of R. 2, 19. Is it anybody's business? If a husband chooses to wait upon a lady? If the lady does not return? Or to repeat the question? Is it anybody's business? If a lady has a beau? Is it anybody's business? When a gentleman calls on a lady? Or when he leaves the lady? Or if he leaves at all? Or if he does not? The outside lookers-on? Is it anybody's business? But the lady, if her beau does not call on her? And does not let her know? Is it anybody's business? But the lady, if her beau does not call on her? And does not let her know? Is it anybody's business? But the lady, if her beau does not call on her? And does not let her know?

The Beautiful Night.

Now I leave the joyful scene Of my gay and happy home. But at the door I pause to see Through the dark, deserted floor. The moon breaks through the glass, And the stars are shining clear. And the birds' sweet voices ring, Give the sweetest strains of song. How refreshing is the breeze Of this pretty summer night! Oh, how sweetly I feel! I scarce can get out of the state, And yet, oh Heaven, I would not stay! A foolish girl, I am afraid, If my sweetheart gave me cause.

ECMONT.

Richmond, Va., April 26, 1878.

To M. W. Think again. The north star is so far off that it is always in sight here. But go down towards the south pole and it disappears.

An Old Problem.

Published by request of R. 2, 19. A and B buy a farm together, containing two hundred acres, at \$2 per acre, amounting to \$400. Now, as A gets the best portion of the farm he agrees to give \$2.25 per acre and takes the two hundred dollars' worth. B would therefore give \$1.75 per acre for his two hundred dollars' worth. How much would they each get?

Will some of your correspondents please work out this sum? CARY STREET.

CALEB CUSHING.—Age cannot wither, nor custom stale, the infinite variety of Caleb Cushing's office-hunting. At seventy-nine years of age he is talking of an independent candidate for Congress from the Sixth Massachusetts district. He is still hale and hearty. Some fifty years ago he commenced his career of office-holding, being elected the first mayor of Newburyport, where he practiced law. He served several terms in the Massachusetts legislature, and from 1833 to 1841 was a member of Congress. He was on the Supreme Bench of Massachusetts, and became Pierce's Attorney-General and Grant's Minister to Spain. He served in the Mexican war as a colonel of volunteers; has been Whig, Democrat, Republican, rebel, and truly loyal; an author of books and political pamphlets, and always a hard worker, disturbed in the closeness of his application only by yellow dogs, to which he has a supreme aversion.—Chicago Times.

RUSSIA STRIKES IL.—Yankees are to sink wells and refine petroleum in the oil-regions of Russia, on the western shore of the Caspian sea. Agents, representing one of the wealthiest firms in America, have been sent to the Caspian, and have purchased and shipped to Russia all the machinery necessary for drilling and sinking wells. To operate this machinery a number of experienced oil-drillers have been engaged, and the oil of whom is George Adams, of Oil City. These men are to be paid large sums in gold. The Caspian oil-wells average about six hundred feet in depth, and produce daily from forty to two hundred barrels each. The oil is very heavy, having a specific gravity of thirty, and is so rich in free gas and sediment. It has to be carried many hundred miles up the Caspian sea and the Volga river to Novgorod, whence it is to be shipped by rail to St. Petersburg. The cost of transportation has been so heavy that American oil always has been sold at lower rates than Russian. The Czar, realizing what an important industry can be created in his country by fostering the development of its oil territory, has directed the imposition of a tax equivalent to \$3.50 a barrel on all foreign oil.

One of the best solutions of the tramp problem comes from Williamstown, Mass. In accordance with the State law the citizens of that village entertain their stray guests overnight at the lockup, and in the morning make them pay for their lodging and breakfast by working for the village government. The expense of the town is thus reduced to a minimum, and the Society gets such work as law-making, road-filling, and ditch-digging for a mere song. Sentimentalists also may see a noble feature in this arrangement in the chance it offers the tramps to cultivate aesthetic tastes.

A Washington letter-writer has it from undoubted authority that President Hayes, on one time serious thought of putting Governor Jewell, of Connecticut, in his Cabinet. He asked a prominent senator, "what sort of a man Jewell was." "Jewell," said the senator, "is a fine combination of white hair and white shirt-bosoms, with no brains under the one and no heart behind the other."

General Carl Schurz was not wounded during the war, but he ought not to interfere with his retirement under full pay. The rebel bullets meant well, but being aimed at Schurz's legs, their failure to succeed in their deadly mission will be understood.—Chicago Times.

Unless the managers of the Paris Exhibition advertise their programme in the Norristown News, they cannot promise them many visitors from this part of the country. If their old show is a failure we shall know what to attribute it to.—Norristown Herald.

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